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**THE WAYS OF WOMEN FAIR.**  
Buckles were never more fashionable than at present.  
Be very careful about the soap you use. What often appears to be good is really a common brand braced up with scent and coloring, and is apt to roughen the skin.  
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For bridal processions there are prayer-books covered with ribbed and watered silk, on which the sacred monogram is wrought in gold or silver.

Purple iris, butterfly and heart-shaped are some of the design elements put upon the choice belongings of ultra people.

Louis XIV. made long enough to cover the hips and made of broad satin are among the very latest for the matinee, carriage and visiting toilet.

The Duchess of Marlborough was entitled to wear the three strawberry leaves in her hair. By the death of the Duke of Manchester, Lady Mandeville, who was the beautiful Miss Knapp, of New York, is reported to wear the strawberry leaves in her hair.

The fact that there was no competition between the companies in the bids seemed to indicate a "combine," and the Mayor kicked over the traces at once.

New York will find its way around at night with gas lights well enough. The Commission is right.

The Park Commission has decided to do away with Mount St. Vincent as a restaurant. It is important enough a thing for them to drive or ride to pull up at the old brown building and get a cocktail or a "snack." But the poor people naturally are not in it.

It is turned into a rustic Summer-house the poor man enjoy it thoroughly. Thousands will profit by it as a source of recreation when it is a graceful Summer-house, where only one comes in for its benefit as a restaurant.

Science has declared that the dragon-fly is not to be the coming exterminator of that little pest, the mosquito. The latest deductions of science claim that petroleum spraying is the deadliest thing with which the mosquito can contend.

Hitherto petroleum as an agent of destruction has been almost exclusively applied to the gray and hasty servant girl, but it would be far more cheering to know that its great powers were spent upon the baleful wingers of Jersey.

To-day baseball begins. Every other known interest of the land will proceed to take a back seat till next Autumn.

**SPOTLETS.**  
A Canadian Senator, who got a shake from another, retreated to a tea-party. He must have been a prohibitionist and didn't care for "shakes."

Shortly before a banquet in Birmingham, the preacher took up a collection. The deacons do not state whether the gentleman who was named was collected.

Chicago is going to have an Eiffel tower 500 feet higher than the Paris one. Chicago could hardly get an Eiffel tower without hitting it.

An ardent baseball enthusiast was arrested for stealing umbrellas. He said it was his "first base" act, and after this he will steal nothing but base.

Three as straight as the sun's rays. True as the stars in the sky. Show me what you like to sign at. And I'll tell you what you like.

The Electric Light bulb were not light bulbs at all.  
To be relieved of a bean a child had its throat cut. The pleasant part is that the throat-cut child lives to enjoy being un-beaned.

The Duke of Connaught probably thought he could see enough clever Americans in Canada without coming to the States.

**PROMISING POETS.**  
Hundreds of Them Entered in the Muse's Army.  
Odes and Idylls Which Combine Rhythm and Reason.

**The Divine Afflatus Inspired by the Golden Prize.**  
Here are the conditions:  
From what you read of a poet's lines, Must be written on one side of paper only. Writer's full name and address must be sent for good faith, (not for publication). Consistent must address communications to Poetry Editor, Box 2,354, New York City.

**Fire in the City.**  
Hark! to that sound of a clanging bell; In the evening air how it seems to swell. Or the quiet city, higher and higher, And hark! to that cry: "Fire! Fire! Fire!"  
See how the flames leap up on high, Lighting the earth and the leader sky, And let to the sound of hurrying feet As the people gather and fill the street.  
But, see! it lies out. The flames grow dead, The smoke less dense the sky less red. Oh, now, by the fast decreasing light, Let us think of those who are homeless to night.

**An Adieu.**  
Ween not our path is far apart, And we shall meet in days to come no more; The founts, there, to clear the heart, The relief of a passion that is over. Now thou art wedded, and ere long shall I Parture my way beneath a foreign sky. But yet one tear 'twould not be wrong to shed, One sigh to breathe, and they shall be the last.  
For sake of all the happy hours long fled, Alas, that they should vanish, and so fast! And that the heart fails and that night, doth well. Give me thy hand and let me say farewell. 203 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn.

**To a Tall Young Lady.**  
Consider what you may be regarding her. In search of attitudes that will make love. I shall not speak of all, but I'll give That she is far all other girls above.  
It is no reason I should not aspire To her, but I shall not remain far higher. But here's a reason I should wish thy love: I do wish to be thy worshippers above! 203 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn.

**Words.**  
Words of anger, harshly spoken, Cause remorse to those who hear; Yet their mark is strong and clear. Words that seem to be coldness, Tell towards those to whom addressed, Though the words are not intended. Still their mark is not unexpressed.  
Words of love, friendship, affection, Level on another's heart; But will not long remain unspoken. Leave their mark, never to depart. C. G. MONTGOMERY.

**Grieving Is Idle.**  
Do not for what is past repine. It comes not back again; Improve the present, for thy time, But will not long remain unspoken. Leave their mark, never to depart. C. G. MONTGOMERY.

**A Spelling Tragedy.**  
Down to the quay, Went Mr. Hixbnay, To see the incoming ships for duty; From care he was free, And happy was he, When a little bird up in a tree, As he looked to the quay, Over the bright gleaming water, With Mr. Hixbnay came via-via, And he fell into the sea. None have since heard of Mr. Hixbnay. A. C. HIXBNAY.

**The Soldier's Farewell.**  
Do you remember, Jimmie, the happy long When we were boys together, about twenty years or so. In the little village, so far, so far away. Where the birds would make the air ring with their song, and the wind would make the grass sing. When we swam the rushing river and sported on the green, And climbed the rocky precipice where none but us had been.

**Worldlings.**  
Senator T. C. Power, of Montana, is a little man with a yellow face and watery eyes. His eyes are bright and piercing. He is more of a business man than a politician, and is a poor actor.

**Bill Nye's Meeting with the Conductor Who Owns It.**  
In a recent issue of the Pittsburgh Dispatch it was spoken as follows of a famous car.

**It Was in Pennsylvania, only a short time ago, that we met, running out of Atown, the justly celebrated conductor who can extend his ears like a jack-in-the-box at will. I do not recall his name, but**

**may be relied upon to effect the desired result.** He is a man of great energy and a fine sense of humor. He is a man of great energy and a fine sense of humor.

**THE WONDERFUL CAR.**  
I do remember that after I had asked him something about whether we were late or not several times he held his head down as if he were asleep. He was a man of great energy and a fine sense of humor.

**He Was Sure of It.**  
Lady Customer (angrily)—I believe there is water in your milk, sir.  
Honest Milkman—Yes, madam, there is. I have no secret about it. The cows are to be sure, but they insist that it is impossible to make milk without water.

**A Possible Improvement.**  
Yahzee—I suppose that married life is really more happy than the life of a bachelor.  
Richie—Yes, I guess it is. Still, there's room for improvement. I believe it would be a good idea if you would pay a little more attention to what I say and not quite so much to what I do.

**Why She Mourned.**  
She—But why is Miss C— wearing black? She—She is mourning for her husband.  
He—Why, she never had a husband.  
She—No, that is why she mourns.

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